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Complaint on sewer odor received

By Paula Ouimette
Staff writer

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Board of Selectmen discussed a resident's complaint about sewer odors during their meeting Monday via Microsoft Teams.

On Nov. 19, selectmen received a handwritten letter of complaint regarding the sewer odor from Gilbertville resident, Annette Flamand, who resides on Hardwick Road/32A. Flamand said she has lived in town for 30 years and never experienced such an overwhelming odor until Eagle Hill School tied into the system.

She said she cannot stand to live with the smell, but is unable to sell her house due to the odor issue. Board members Kelly Kemp and Julie Quink both agreed the sewer odor is offensive. Selectmen Chairman Kenan Young said he spoke to Sewer Superintendent Scott Potter, who has since increased the amount of bioxide, a product used to treat sewage odors, to the line. Young stated that Potter has to be careful not to add too much bioxide, as it scales the pipe and can decrease sewage flow.

Quink asked if there was a definitive time-frame for the line to be repaired. Young said they are waiting on DPC Engineering, and they should hear the final report in a couple of weeks.

Appointment

They approved the appointment of Jenna Garvey to a three-year term on the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council.

Motor vehicle licenses

The board approved the renewal of the following Class II and III licenses: Motor Specialties Co., 492 Prouty Road, Class II; Affordable Cars, 2089 Greenwich Road, Class II; Regin's Repair/James Regin, 19 Church Street, Class II; L & L Associates, 141 Barre Road, Class II and III; and L.J. Ostiguy Repair, 1686 Barre Road, Class III.

Liquor licenses

The board approved the renewal of the following liquor licenses: Shree Jay Ambe Corp/Hardwick Market & Package Store, 232 Main Street, License Type (Package Store) and License Category (All Alcoholic Beverages - Off Premise); Hardwick House of Pizza, 76 Main Street, License Type (Restaurant) and License Category (Wine and Malt Beverages - On Premise); Mimi's Coffeehouse of Hardwick, 14 Barre Road, License Type (Restaurant) and License Category (Wine and Malt Beverages - On Premise); Hardwick Rod & Gun Club, 59 Thresher Road, License Type (Club) and License Category (All Alcoholic Beverages - On Premise); and Hardwick Vineyard & Winery LLC, 3305 Greenwich Road, License Type (Farmer Series

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Barre holds outdoor special town meeting



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The Barre Finance Committee sit at a table facing the voters at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School parking lot at the Saturday, Nov. 21 Special Town Meeting.



People wait for the start of a Special Town Meeting Saturday, Nov. 21 in the Quabbin Regional Middle High School parking lot.

Retired police officers create tip campaign for Holly Piirainen case

Website devoted to her case now available

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

Four retired police officers, who are now private investigators, want justice for Holly Piirainen and are working together to find leads to her killer – and they want the public's help.

They have created a website, helpholly.com, devoted to the 10-year-old's story, including ways for anyone who still might have information about her

abduction and murder to share it directly by email, regular mail or through a tip line. All tips will go straight to State Trooper Tom Sullivan, who is assigned to the Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gullani's homicide unit. They have also put up posters throughout the region with how to submit tips to Sullivan as part of their pact to offer their services to the family.

"To their credit, the Hampden County District Attorney's Office and their Massachusetts State Police detectives have never given up working to solve this case," reads the website. "They are working today following

up leads." Hampden County District Attorney's office did not return a phone call and an email about the work the men are doing. In fact, last month a body was exhumed in Hampden County, but Gullani's office declined to comment about it or whether the action was helpful to the case.

But the four men hope to convince someone or several someones, who still haven't shared what they may know about the crime committed 27 years ago on Aug. 5, 1993 in Sturbridge. That was the day Holly Piirainen and

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Carole Gariepy writes book on isolation

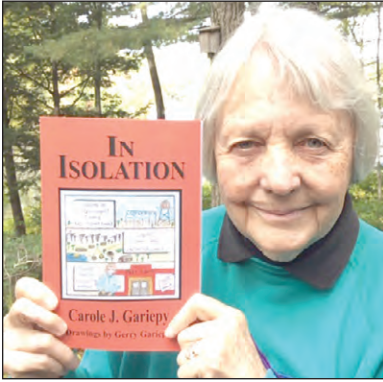
By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

PHILLIPSTON – Local author, Carole Gariepy of Phillipston, said in the introduction of her seventh book, "This is a book I didn't expect or plan to write and I was led to it quite coincidentally."

During the isolation of the coronavirus pandemic, many people took up a new activity or hobby to fill the gap in their normal routine. Some took up hiking, knitting, watching movies, cooking.

However, Carole Gariepy did what she does best; she wrote another book.

Just at the start of 2020 before the pandemic hit, she and her husband visited their son, Cort, who lives in Hawaii. During that trip, the Garieps made arrangements to spend one week on Molokai. She said, "It was a new experience for us where I planned to begin my next travel book. I did write a chapter on Molokai while we were there, but little did I realize that the experience at the isolated leper



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Carole Gariepy holds her latest book, "In Isolation." Her husband, Gerry, designed the cover.

colony on that island would soon be followed by our own experience with isolation."

Since the couple are both in their 80s and Gerry had a weakened immune system from recent chemotherapy and also a heart issue, they stayed confined to their home. A friend did their grocery shopping. Visits to their son, Grant,

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Experts present plan to restore and revitalize

Walkable, commercially, culturally vibrant downtown the goal

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In July of 2018, the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House met with representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Architectural Heritage Foundation, the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation to discuss economic development in North Brookfield with the Town House as the focal point.

As a result of this meeting, the Friends were encouraged to create the Downtown Development Committee. The DDC members were appointed by the Selectmen in October of 2018 to focus on stimulating redevelopment of the town center and aid in fundraising efforts aimed at Town House renovation. Since then, the Committee has been working on efforts to create a vibrant atmosphere for busi-

ness and social activities in North Brookfield.

With the support and dedication of the team at the CMRPC, the Downtown Development Committee has completed a strategic plan for development in downtown North Brookfield. The plan has five goals: a walkable downtown, a connected trail system, revitalization of the Town House, downtown redevelopment and business investment. All of these goals are dedicated to making North Brookfield's commercial/cultural center a pedestrian friendly, economically viable area.

After establishing timelines and responsible entities, the DDC is moving forward on each of their goals, while remaining closely aligned with the Friends of the Town House as they move forward with their own Town House project, which has three main objectives.

They want to renovate and revitalize the Town House and its Great Hall as a venue for local, regional, and touring theater productions,

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J.R. Greene releases new book that showcases ephemera

ATHOL — In his first book in six years, "The Old Quabbin Valley In 100 Objects," Quabbin Reservoir historian J.R. Greene presents a different kind of history of the old Swift River Valley. Using actual ephemera items from valley businesses, industries and societies, their story is presented with illustrations of the objects, views of the buildings where they originated and portraits of some of the people behind them. The accompanying text outlines the story of these valley institutions, with much new information not previously published in any book.

J.R. Greene is the author of 21 other books, many about the history of the Quabbin Reservoir and the Swift River Valley. He has also authored four books on Massachusetts's railroads and three on President Calvin Coolidge. Longtime chairman of the board of the Friends of Quabbin Inc., he has also served as the governor's appointee from the Quabbin and Ware River watersheds seat on the MWRA Advisory Board, and as the president of the standing committee for the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum at the Forbes Library in

Northampton.

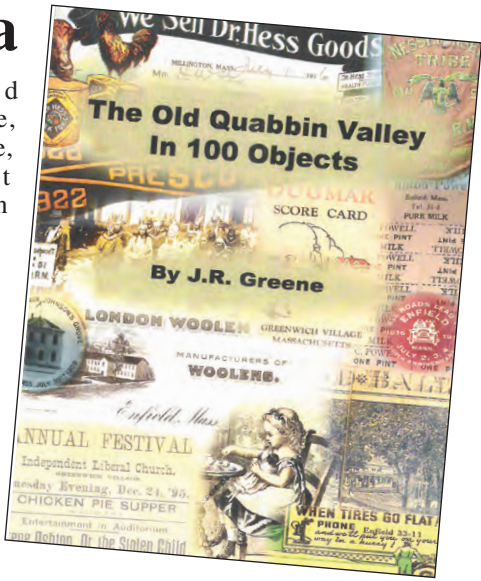
Greene is a lifelong resident of Athol, where he is active in town and civic affairs. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts – Amherst, he has been a dealer in collectibles since the early 1970s.

"The Old Quabbin Valley In 100 Objects" is available for purchase at the following locations: Barre, Barre Family Pharmacy; Hardwick, Hardwick Farmers Co-op Exchange; Hubbardston, Country Trail; Palmer, Palmer Hobbies; Petersham, Quabbin Woods Restaurant; North Brookfield, Brookfield Orchard;

Rutland, Rutland Pharmacy; Thorndike, Junction Variety; Ware, Ware Library; West Brookfield, Plantation Country Store.

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Courtesy of J.R. Greene

J.R. Greene's newest book "The Old Quabbin Valley In 100 Objects" is available at many local retailers.



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News of the Towns



Round Town
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Library expands service hours

Thanks to CAREs Act funding, Woods Memorial Library has expanded their material pickup appointment and return service hours until the end of 2020. The service hours are Tuesdays from 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hours may change depending upon staff availability.

Cookie and gift sale

Cradle Rock Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its annual Christmas cookie sale and gift table Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mt Zion Masonic Building, 71 Pleasant St. All COVID-19 protocols will be in place to ensure a safe environment. Masks must be worn. Cookies are \$6 per pound and people can pick from their favorites or try something new. After people have selected their cookies, members of Cradle Rock will put them in a closeable container to enjoy.

Food Pantry distributions

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Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Dec. 7.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken picatta, seasoned rice, herbed broccoli and carrots, lemon pudding, diet = sugar free pudding, pumpernickel bread

TUES. – Meatballs with onion gravy, bowtie pasta, chuckwagon corn, fruited ambrosia, peasant bread

WED. – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, cookie, Italian bread THURS. – Marinated pork loin, herbed stuffing, winter blend vegetables, baked cinnamon pears, muffin

FRI. – Chicken with BBQ sauce, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread

*Diabetic friendly dessert

**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6

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Daisy Hill Real Estate opens at new location

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – The town of Barre has a new real estate business in town, Daisy Hill Real Estate and Rentals, LLC.

Co-owner Michael Pluta said he purchased the former Chas. G. Allen mechanic building and casting shop at the corner of Valley and School Street N around 2010 from Jack Foley. He started renovations to the building, but he stopped when the economy took a slump. When the economy improved, he started renovations again. Pluta is also a master plumber and owns Advanced Heating and Plumbing, Inc. out of the School Street N. location as well. Pluta said he tried to keep as much as he could from the old building. He removed rotted wood siding, but kept some of the older style doors.

Co-owner Christine Riberdy obtained her brokers license in 2018. She opened the real estate business in January 2019 out of her house. To become a broker, a person needs to work in real estate for three years and work under a broker for six months. The business recently moved to the 328 School Street N. location this January.

Riberdy, who has been in real estate since 2007, said she likes the small town feel of Barre. She previously worked in Worcester when she got her sales agent license.

Like all business, the COVID 19 pandemic changed things. She said before COVID, they were extremely busy and had many closings. Many pulled out and everything stopped. She had 30 lots in Rutland,, which should have taken three months, but took eight months to sell. Instead of in person, they do a lot remotely and do not hold open houses.

She said now it was a crazy seller market do in part



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Shown from left are Michael R. Pluta, co-owner of Daisy Hill Real Estate and Rentals LLC; Christine Riberdy, broker and co-owner and Tracy LaRosa, realtor.

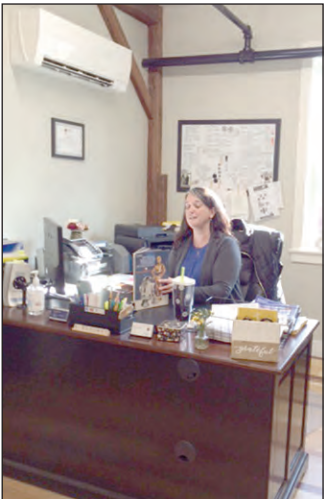
to lower interest rates and increased real estate values. Riberdy said she puts a house on the market on a Friday and gets multiple offers two to three days later. She said there is very little inventory of houses.

Daisy Hill is full service reality, represents buyers and sellers and work with landlords and tenants for rentals. There are two sales agents, Tracy LaRosa and a new hire, Alex. Riberdy said she is looking to take on new agents and interested in talking to people that want to be agents.

Riberdy said, “[You] have to be a people person as work with buyers, lawyers. [It is] great when find the perfect house or sell.”

She recommends people planning to sell their home paint the walls a neutral color, clean the house well and remove clutter. A grayish color or cream are popular. In fact, the office space is painted with the grayish color.

A new sign in front of the



Realtor Tracy LaRosa with Daisy Hill Real Estate and Rentals, LLC sits at her desk at the newly renovated office located at 328 School Street N.

building is on order. People may reach Daisy Hill Real Estate and Rentals LLC at 774-242-5314, fax 978-355-8226, www.daisyhillreality.com or daisyhillre@gmail.com.

Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

• The Barre Congregational Church Womens Fellowship decided to not hold its fair this year due to the pandemic. They will hold the annual wreath sale. The wreaths will be available the first week of December. The wreaths will be \$28 this year and are 14 inches in diameter. To order a wreath, people should call Wendy Isgro, at 978-928-5180.

• Due to the social distancing requirements with the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Christmas in New

Braintree Craft Fair will not be held in December 2020. Next year's fair will take place Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021.

• Given the current surge in COVID cases in the state, and with an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the cast and crew, Theatre at the Mount's live stream production of Winter Wonderettes is cancelled.

• Although Rutland Historical Society's annual Festival of Trees event had to be postponed due to the pandemic, the Rutland Festival of

Trees Committee was determined to keep the holiday fun and spirit alive in a safe way. The Rutland Historical Society's Festival of Trees Committee has been busy planning a Santa's Magical Village drive through of holiday displays including an optional drive through visit with Santa and more Saturday, Dec. 5 from 3-8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6 from 4-7 p.m.

• The First Parish Unitarian Church will not hold its annual Gingerbread Fair this year.

Hubbardston

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COA lists events

The Hubbardston Council on Aging's famous Christmas Basket Drawing is on. The baskets can be seen now through Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. most days. People may call for an appointment at 978-928-1400, extension 211 or eight people at a time in the room.

Saturday, Dec. 5, the COA Christmas arrangements will be on display for a donation outside the Hubbardston Senior Center. People can either stop by or should they wish to place an order, call 978-928-1400, extension 211. Also, on Dec. 5, the famous hunter stew will be available with a slice of homemade bread. If people are uncomfortable coming in, the COA can deliver it curbside.

Hubbardston Light Fight

For three weekends in December Hubbardston Light Fight will be held Dec. 4, 5 and 6; Dec.11, 12 and 13 and Dec. 18, 19 and 20 from 5-9 p.m. each night. People will follow the road listing to see all the entries and vote online for their favorite light display. Map listings and voting link will be made available a few days before contest starts. This year there are three categories for entry forms: Traditional-Classic, Go Big or Stay Home and new this year a Business category. The link is https://www.hubbardstonma.us/special-events/pages/hubbardston-light-fight.

Hubbardston Police CHOP program

The Hubbardston Police Department is holding a Community Holiday Outreach Program. The program and the donations that are provided, help insure that each child in Hubbardston is able to open gifts on Christmas morning. This year there is a clear need for toys as several families are struggling through these uncertain times. The police department set up donation boxes at several area businesses as well as one in the police station lobby. Any officer on duty can also accept toys up until Friday, Dec.18. If people would rather make a monetary donation, they may do so by sending a check to CHOP, Hubbardston Police Department, 7 Main St. Unit #9, Hubbardston, MA 01452. This fund not only helps families in need around the holidays but also helps families and seniors throughout the year.

Medicare enrollment

It's that time of year again for Medicare enrollment. During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period from Thursday, Oct. 15 through Tuesday, Dec. 7, people have a chance to change their Medicare plan for next year. A trained Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) counselor provides free unbiased help so people can better understand their plan changes, as well as options to save on Medicare healthcare costs. People may call the Hubbardston Senior Center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 and ask for a SHINE phone appointment.

Senior center activities

The Hubbardston Senior Center continues to slowly open. The senior center has space limitations, only 10 people allowed in the building at a time. Monday and Wednesday mornings Coffee With Friends is from 9 to 11 a.m. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. is the Walking Club. Due to space limitations, please call to register for any of the activities below: Bingo: Monday 12-3 p.m. call Flo 978-928-5113 to register. Meals on Wheels: Call the Senior Center 978-928-1400 extension 211. Food delivery on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thursday is drive thru for food and eggs is 9:30 a.m. to noon. This schedule is subject to change due to Covid restrictions.

Woods Memorial Library expands service hours

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EQLT to hold trail building

OAKHAM – East Quabbin Land Trust of Hardwick will hold build a new trail in Oakham at Ware Corner Road Saturday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

Volunteers should bring loppers, pruners and rakes and RSVP to Pat at EQLT@comcast.net.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.

BARRE

Barre Housing Authority – Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.
Finance Committee – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
QRSD Special Education Subcommittee – Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Committee – Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission – Dec.17 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 24 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Wheelwright Water District – Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission –Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees – Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission –Dec. 5 at 10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Center Committee – Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
Open Space Committee – Dec. 29 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Dec. 3 and 17 at 7 p.m.
Selectboard – Dec. 4 at 9 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.
Nichewaung Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Selectboard Meeting – Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. public hearing
Finance Committee – Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
Special Town Meeting – Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

Barre Food Pantry offers drive-through distribution

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursday, Dec. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Dec. 9 or in the evening on Thursday, Dec. 17, whichever is the more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 virus to which no one has immunity. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

As they have since the late March distribution, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, Dec. 9 and 17 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Before the pandemic pantry volunteers and clients were able to greet each other with a smile.

With all volunteers and clients now wearing masks in public, the volunteers hope that everyone will still hear the smiles in their voices.

While the pantry typically used to have an “all hands on deck” approach to welcoming volunteers, in December they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/ family groups.

People should not arrive to volunteer on Dec. 9 or 17 without first contacting Sonja Blaney, coordinator of volunteers, at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

The pantry sincerely appreciates all the volunteers, who have stayed home. Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

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J.R. Greene releases 36th annual Quabbin History Calendar

ATHOL – Quabbin Reservoir historian J.R. Greene has released his thirty-sixth annual edition of the popular Quabbin History Calendar for 2021. The calendar features all new images, most in sepia tone, formatted by Joe Mitko. Each year the calendar has a new selection of pictorial memories of the villages obliterated for the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir and the Ware River diversion in the 1920’s and 1930’s.

This calendar for 2021 brings the total number of photos presented in these calendars to over 400, including many from the Ware River diversion villages. To maintain their goal of providing large size reproductions of views from these last places, they have included views of a school, church, factory, pool room and a summer camp. These views enhance the



The June photo in J.R. Greene's 2021 Quabbin History Calendar shows the Swift River Box Shop in North Dana.

value of this calendar as a reflector of the lost valley’s history.

The theme of this calendar is to honor the villages of the former Swift and Ware River valleys, and their way of life. This calendar is dedicated to the memory of the people who once lived in these places.

The 2021 Quabbin History Calendar is available for purchase at the

following locations: Barre, Barre Family Pharmacy; Hardwick, Hardwick Farmers Co-op Exchange; Hubbardston, Country Trail; Palmer, Palmer Hobbies; Petersham, Quabbin Woods Restaurant; North Brookfield, Brookfield Orchard; Rutland, Rutland Pharmacy; Thorndike, Junction Variety; Ware, Ware Library; West Brookfield, Plantation Country Store.

Bigelow library offers online programs

CLINTON – Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 4:30-6 p.m., the Bigelow Free Public Library will be offering “Cooking with Simply Creative Chef, Rob Scott.”

Simply Creative chef and founder Rob Scott will demonstrate the healthy way to use every day foods that people might find in their pantry to cook a selection of delicious and nutritious meals. Register to attend at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/>.

The program is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administrated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and is part of the Bigelow Library’s “Everyone is Welcome at the Table” series.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. “Making Watercolor Bookmarks for Your Favorite Booklover” will be held via live recording. Learn how to create a fun gift for the book lover in your life. The Bigelow Library staff will demonstrate how to create a

beautiful watercolor bookmark using simple materials and techniques. This demonstration is for all ages. Register at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/>.

Saturday, Dec. 12 from 12-1:30 p.m. “Making Holiday Cookies with Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott ” will be held. Join Simply Creative Chef, Rob Scott from the comfort and safety of your own kitchen as you bake along with him to create Cocoa Oatmeal, Bakery-Style Sugar (perfect for decorating) and Chocolate Walnut Raisin holiday cookies. Register to attend at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/>.

It is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administrated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and part of the Bigelow Library’s “Everyone is Welcome at the Table” series.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. there is a “Virtual Author Visit with Professor J.D. Wells” author

of “The Kidnapping Club: Wall Street, Slavery and Resistance on the Eve of the Civil War” via Zoom presentation. In his new book “The Kidnapping Club: Wall Street, Slavery and Resistance on the Eve of the Civil War,” American professor of history, J. D. Wells, professor of History in the Department of Afro-American and African studies at the University of Michigan, gives the dramatic account of the fight for freedom in New York City in the 1830s where pro-slavery New Yorkers were locked in a deadly battle for freedom with abolitionist. The Kidnapping Club follows the deep roots of slavery, capitalism, corrupt politics, policing and the struggles of civil rights activists in the pre-Civil War north. Meet the author via Zoom and learn more about the book and his research. Register at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/>. This event will be taking place in conjunction with the Lunenburg Public Library.

Mesa Farm to host drive-thru Nativity

RUTLAND – Drive through the story of Christmas Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13 on Muschopauge Road. The annual Living Nativity hosted by Mesa Farm will be a socially-distanced celebration this year featuring an audio-guided drive-thru viewing of several nativity scenes.

Attendees will stay warm in their car as actors and animals bring to life the true meaning of

Christmas. The estimated 15-20 minute tour will begin at Jordan Dairy Farm and proceed south, so please access Muschopauge Road via Wachusett Street. Plan to arrive anytime between 5:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. at 51 Muschopauge. Volunteers will be waiting to direct traffic. Upon arrival, people may visit www.mesafarmrutland.com/nativity for instructions to navigate the

audio tour through the farms. Handouts will be available for those that don’t have Internet access. There will be no charge although attendees will have the opportunity to give donations to support equestrian programs at Mesa Farm through the non-profit www.CitytoSaddle.org. Directions and more information can be found at www.mesafarmrutland.com.

Friends of the library hold virtual holiday bazaar

MONSON – A virtual holiday Bazaar will be held by the Friends of the Monson Free Library for the month of December. The bazaar will feature four resident artists, who will offer their work for sale with 10% of the sale price donated to the Friends of the Monson Free Library.

Maureen Solomon, potter and painter, will offer jewelry and oil paintings. Each necklace is unique, made of clay with Swarovski crystals or glass beads to add glitter. Oil paintings and wall hangings encompass a variety

of themes.

Tod Beall will have stained glass panels and sun catchers for sale. He will also be available as a custom designer, restorer, and repairer of stained glass. His creations are original and use stunning and unusual pieces of glass and metal. Peter Mayberry offers sculptures made of copper, brass, steel and stainless steel. His work is sketched with soapstone, ground in by hand, heated with a welding torch for color and sprayed with lacquer. In addition, he will be selling original pieces

of jewelry and wall hangings.

Penny Lewis, fiber artist, will offer original quilted designs and exquisite appliqué created in a variety of fabrics carefully chosen to accentuate the subject matter of her fiber art creations. She will have table toppers, runners and quilts of many sizes for sale. For more information about purchasing from these local artists, people may go to <https://monsonlibrary.com/friends-of-the-library> or contact friends.monsonfreelibrary@gmail.com with any questions.

Oakham

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Trail building set for Dec. 5

East Quabbin Land Trust of Hardwick will be building a new trail in Oakham at Ware Corner Road Saturday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. Volunteers should bring loppers, pruners and rakes and RSVP to Pat at EQLT@comcast.net.

OHA lottery fundraiser

The Oakham Historical Association has launched its 16th annual lottery fundraiser. It’s called the OHA 20-20 lotter, one ticket costs \$20, good for 20 drawings. Only 100 tickets are printed, numbered from 00 to 99. If the holders ticket number matches the middle two digits drawn in the Massachusetts Numbers Game on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, a \$50 check will automatically be sent to the name and address specified on the ticket stub. Nearly every year at least one person wins twice, a few ticket holders have won three times and one year someone won four times. The drawings begin Jan. 5, 2021 and end on March 11. The tickets are great stocking stuffers. And watching to see if a ticket is a winner offers an entertaining diversion during the pandemic. Proceeds benefit the association’s museum and the Young Family Annex located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road. Even though the church holiday fair was canceled this year, the OHA will continue to sell tickets by mail or by appointment. To request tickets, people may contact Kathy Young at kayoung720@yahoo.com or 508-882-3137.

Dismas Farm tree sale

Dismas Farm, 687 Lincoln Road, will hold its second annual tree sale Saturday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be homemade Christmas crafts, cookies, cocoa and socially distanced hayrides.

‘Light up Oakham’

The Oakham Parks and Recreation will host the first ever “Light up Oakham” Holiday Decorating Contest. Oakham residents may show off their illumination talents. Participants may email parksandrec@oakhamma.gov to enter the contest by Sunday, Nov. 22. The house should be decorated for voting by Saturday, Dec. 5. People may vote for their favorite between Dec. 5 through Dec. 12. Map and on-line voting form will be available on the Oakham Parks and Recreation Facebook Page. People, who do not Internet capabilities may email Parks and Recreation for a map. First place prize is a giant inflatable Gemmy Animated Projection Airblown Santa and Dogs Decorating Tree Scene standing 9.5 feet tall and second place prize is an inflatable snowman family standing 6 feet tall. Winners will be announced Saturday, Dec.19.

Church services

Sunday, Dec. 6 the Oakham Congregational Church is Family Sunday and Communion at the 10 a.m. worship service in the church sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School People should wear a mask and practice social distancing in the sanctuary.

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Opinion

Editorial

Small businesses need you more than ever now

At the end of the day, any business depends on a favorable bottom line. It's the number that ultimately decides if a business owner can keep that "open" sign on the door. But that doesn't means all business is transactional. That's especially true for small businesses.

Local businesses have always been a cornerstone of their communities. For them, it's not just about selling goods or services. It's about being a good neighbor. Supporting local causes. Lending expertise in schools and places of worship. Restaurants and cafes aren't just places to eat. It's where people bond, celebrate and collaborate.

Most people first experience the life-changing thrill of earning a wage for an honest day's work at a small shop.

And many future entrepreneurs started learning about how business works and finding their inspiration at those first jobs at a small, local business.

When there's a tragedy or a crisis, you can bet your bottom dollar local business owners are there helping any way they can.

That's why it's more important than ever to support them in their time of need.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, and small businesses have absorbed unprecedented challenges. "Small Business Saturday" may sound like a cute catch phrase, but the intent runs so much deeper.

While we hope everyone shops locally as often as possible, this Saturday is an opportunity to remind those local business owners how much you appreciate them. Many have just managed to hang on during the pandemic and any day you can help them exceed expectations provides the confidence they need to keep going.

A show of support is particularly important now. An expected next wave of coronavirus infections could again ripple through small business communities across the U.S.

It was reported in the New York Times on Sunday that "sluggish retail sales growth in October, rising claims for unemployment insurance last week and a multi-week decline in employment and hours worked at small businesses nationwide have increased the odds that the economy could tip back into recession."

Not that it's inevitable. If we all do our part by following the guidelines designed to stop the spread of infection, that's another way to support small businesses. A healthy community is a healthy customer base.

Across our pages, you'll see the names of our advertising partners and we urge you to give them your business. And there are so many others in your area. Not all of them have brick and mortar shops. Many small business, from artisans to professional service providers, are based locally and operating virtually. Please seek them all out. Ask your friends and neighbors for recommendations. Check social media. Help local restaurants keep going by buying gift cards or certificates from them as presents.

You all have a ton of civic and community pride. Supporting small businesses is another chance to show it and we hope you take every opportunity.

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear folks,
I hope you enjoyed your turkey and Thanksgiving even though it was different than usual. I know I did.

Missy was sputtering all last week because she could only have three here and not the usual 15-20 because of the pandemic. The turkey treats were as good as ever and maybe a bit more this year. Hooray, I do so enjoy them.

Her daughter and son-in-law stayed after dinner and played games with Missy to make he happy since she couldn't have the big crowd. I am very thankful to be living here with Missy and not in the abusive house.

Oh, oh, I see Missy has decided to change her bed sheets today as she didn't make the bed and the blankets are piled on the floor. I do so enjoy it when she changes the bed because I can burrow through the blankets and even play King of the Hill on top of them. Here comes Missy now to do the bed, so I will have to stop playing on the blankets. Too bad, I was having such good time.

Perhaps I can find something in the closet as Missy put stuff in there this week. Yep, what is this thing on the lower shelf? It seems to have feathers on it. I will just pull it down and play with whatever it is. It moved nicely into the bedroom. Oh, oh, my rear foot has caught in a hole in it and I can't seem to shake my paw loose. I'll just have to drag the thing out to where Missy is.

"Oh, Gertrude," she says, "What have you gotten into now?" I let her pick me up to get the darn thing off. She said it was a special mask. Then I headed quickly for the living room couch for a nap and to watch my birdies. I hope you had a good Thanksgiving.

Love,
Gertrude



In Past Pages

5 years ago (Dec. 3, 2015)

Taylor Bibaud of Oakham was one of the winners of the 12th Annual Champlain College Ski and Ride Club Rail Jam. In addition, Taylor was awarded winner of the best trick competition for skiers.

History was made several times over at the Barre Senior Center when Bess E. Difley and Warner F. "Bill" Smith were honored as Barre's eldest residents. Difley and Smith each received replicas of the Boston Post cane, given by the town of Barre to its eldest resident. Since both honorees were born on the same day, in an era before times of birth were noted on birth certificates, the two Barre citizens are sharing the honor.

For nearly a score of years, a small group of people have put their minds, hearts, ovens and cook stoves to work, and invited everyone, that's everyone who wants to come, to share in a Thanksgiving dinner at the North Brookfield Congregational Church. In 1999, two friends, Bonnie Holmes and Shelley Fullam decided with their husbands that no one should have to spend Thanksgiving lonely or in need.

10 years ago (Dec. 9, 2010)

Rutland's Tercentenary Tree on the Common in front of the First Congregational Church was lit for the holidays on Saturday evening with carols being sung. The spruce tree was planted on April 22, 1930 as part of the town's celebration of 300 years of the establishment of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. This little tree was just a bush size then and now is a towering 150 feet. It survived hurricanes, ice storms and was missed by the tornado that plowed through Rutland in 1953. The town and/or Rutland Historical Society have lighted it, off and on, since that time. The lights of the tree are dedicated in memorial, in honor of or in celebration of an occasion or person(s) through the Rutland Historical Society by donations. The names are read in the First Congregational Church prior to the lighting of the tree.

For many years, Petersham resident Lawrence "Shook" Nelson, who had the Petersham Lions transplant on the common a tree that came from his own yard, decorated the Christmas tree. Nelson passed away in 1983 and the tree has grown too large to decorate, but it continues to stand, topped with a star and a plaque in front of the tree reads, "Lawrence 'Shook' Nelson." In recognition of 50 years of lighting our Christmas season, Petersham Brass Band man-

LOOK BACK

St. Thomas-a-Becket Christmas - 1989



Turley Publications File Photo
William Brewer is enwreathed in this creation, won at the St. Thomas-a-Becket Christmas Fair by his mother, Christine Brewer.

ager, Dana Robinson, asked for a moment of silence in Shook's memory prior to the annual holiday concert the precedes the tree lighting.

The Scottish bagpipes heralded in the new Rutland Police Chief Donald Haapakoski and officers for the formal swearing in of the chief. Local officials as well as state officials stood by, presented citations and welcomed the new chief. Town Clerk Sally Hayden did the official swearing in.

25 years ago (Dec. 7, 1995)

Airman Jonathan C. Vinskey has recently completed training at the U.S. Navy Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill. where he was nominated for the Navy Military Excellence Award. He is the son of Edward and MaryAnn Vinskey of Hardwick Road, Gilbertville.

Cyndy Hardaker, who recently received her masters in literacy from Lesley College in Cambridge, had the opportunity in October to travel to the People's Republic of China with a delegation of 32 U.S. literacy professionals. Cyndy is the daughter of Myra Hardaker and the late Russell Hardaker of Barre.

What makes Chris and Dona Yiantsidis unique among the many purveyors of food in the Barre area is that they are operating on two tracks. Dona is the proprietor of Dona's Pizza and Chris owns Honey Donuts, a coffee shop that provides breakfast and lunch. Both

businesses are family affairs: their four children work in the businesses as well. First generation Americans, both Chris and Dona say that "the land of opportunity" has been good to them.

38 years ago (Dec. 8, 1982)

On what normally would have been the close of the season, Michael LaBelle, Summer Street, Barre had an eight point, 3.5 year old, 167 lb. buck tagged. Robert Salvatore, Main Street had a 1.7 year old, 98 lb., 5 pointer weighed in and Richard Celona of Nichols Street got a 6 month, 67 lb. doe.

Mo Gemme and family and friends gathered 27 strong at the Gemme house on Maple Street for a Thanksgiving Day sit-down dinner. Mo reports that the house was rocking as the 27 people were about evenly divided between children and adults. Four tables were set up, two in the dining room for the adults and two in the kitchen for the children. Among the guests were Gemme's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gemme of Worcester. The youngest guest was Philip John Levine, 18-month-old nephew.

At their monthly meeting Oakham Grange No. 235 voted to donate \$25 toward the restoration of the arch at Green Hollow Cemetery. Alexander B. Crawford has been building an exact replica of the original, which had become in such poor condition that it was taken down last fall and removed the Crawford's workshop.

Column

The key to successful Christmas arrangements is variety

It's so much fun to arrange flowers! I absolutely love utilizing different colors and textures side by side to create a gorgeous arrangement. The same holds true when making wreaths or mixed planters for the holidays. Even though you are using hues of essentially the same color, green, the excitement is in the texture. From airy white pine to rigid spruce, wispy arborvitae to dense juniper, pointy-leaved holly to minute boxwood, they look great together when thoughtfully arranged. Finish your creation with the addition of pinecones, winterberries and even sumac or budded Pieris as accents, and you will be following in the footsteps of pro designers.

Acquiring lots of greens is easy. Many of the plants I mentioned make their homes in our landscapes or the nearby woods. While it's not recommended to go overboard, I regularly prune this time of year purposefully to use the clippings in my decorating. The key to a good cut is not to leave stubs; always snip next to a side branch and space your pruning around the plant, not all in the same spot. And it goes without saying to do your best to ask permission when snipping on someone else's property.

Here is a refresher course from previous columns on how to make some of our favorite Christmastime arrangements:

Making a wreath is easy. Start with a wire coat hanger opened up into a circle. Attach some pliable wire to it. Then, wrap little bunches of greens to the base one after another. Be careful to lay them alongside, not on top of each other. You can make a wreath of just one type of green at a time, or make mixed "bouquets" for your bunches. When you reach the end of the wreath, hide the last bunch under the first and secure the wire. You can easily make a loop for hanging, or use the hook that came with the coat hanger.

If this sounds too difficult, why not make a simple swag? Choose a sturdy green for the base and position it stem pointing up with the pretty side facing you. Grab another type of green a bit smaller than the first and put it on top. Do this again and again with varying greens until you have a nice upside-down "fan." To complete your swag, wrap wire around the stems four or five inches down from the top, leaving a loop on the back for a hanger. You can cover the wire with a bow, and insert some berries or wired on pinecones should you wish.

Homemade cemetery boxes are also simple to make, even for a novice floral arranger. If you don't have plastic window boxes or wooden "logs" in your garage, spare plastic pots are fine substitutes. The key to crafting these is to remember that they are viewed from the front, so start with your tallest, most rigid boughs in the back and work your way forward. My mother always uses plain old garden soil to fill the container and hold the greens in place. Some florists use "sahara" floral foam- it is a great anchor and is less messy but because it is so light in weight, add some stones to plastic containers to keep them in place.

Mixed winter planters are made the same way.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I hope the readers all had a nice Thanksgiving. Ken and I purchased a cooked chicken and had it Wednesday and the on Thursday. I made a chicken pot pie and a pumpkin pin which were both good. I do miss not having any leftovers such as turkey though so I may cook one later.

I have put out all the Christmas decorations that I plan to and did put up the artificial Christmas tree. It is a small one that I will probably leave up and decorate with Valentines after Christmas. Who will see it besides Ken and I?

I enjoy hearing from my friends. Karen and Cyndee both called to check on us. Gwen came for a quick visit and we wore our masks. She gave me a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which I have arranged on the coffee table in a very old soup tureen. My Finnish friend Nancy said she enjoyed a turnip casserole that her mother used to make that her daughter made for her for Thanksgiving. I wonder if the recipe listed below is same recipe? The recipe came from the recipe book by Beatrice A. Ojakanga called “The Finnish Cookbook.” I purchased the book from a yard sale in Philipston that belonged to Lyyli

Cheney.

TURNIP CASSEROLE

*2 medium turnips, peeled and diced (about 6 cups)
1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup cream
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
3 tablespoons butter*

Cook the turnip until soft about 20 minutes in salted water to cover. Drain and mash. Soak the bread crumbs in the cream and stir in the nutmeg, salt and beaten eggs. Combine with the mashed turnip. Turn into a buttered 2 1/2 quart casserole, dot with butter and bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees for one hour or until lightly browned on top. Serve 6 to 8. A note mentioned that this is a traditional dish for Christmas.

Next week I will be starting to include my favorite cookie recipes for Christmas.

This and That

I have made all my Christmas cards with watercolor paints, typed a Christmas letter and addressed all the envelopes and they are ready to be mailed. I include a personal note with the card. Sometimes this it the only contact I have with friends and relatives during the

year. Sometimes I include a picture or two.

Things will be very different this year due to the virus so I have to remember this when doing things. I’m doing most of my shopping over the Internet. I wrap as I purchase the gift and most I use fabric bags that I make for them of Christmas prints. My immediate family usually gives them back to me to reuse. It is sort of a family joke. I also make labels for the packages with pictures of those receiving the gift and sometimes they are baby pictures and they have to guess who they are.

We usually have a Yankee Swap, but that probably won’t happen this year either.

I noticed the First Parish Unitarian Church will not have their Ginger Bread Fair this year, but are taking orders for certain items. The Hubbardston Senior Center is also doing its annual Christmas basket raffle at the senior center during special hours.

Maybe I will be able to go around and see the light show in Hubbardston this year if I can find out where they are. They need to publish the winners in the newspaper. Have a good week and stay safe.

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Victuallar licenses

The board approved the renewal of the following victuallar license renewals: Shree Jay Ambe Corp/

Hardwick Market & Package Store, Hardwick House of Pizza, Hardwick Vineyard & Winery LLC and Hardwick Rod & Gun Club.

Inn holders license

The board approved the renewal of Hardwick Vineyard & Winery LLC’s inn holders license. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Upcoming meetings of the Hardwick Board of Selectmen are scheduled for Mondays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 28 via Microsoft Teams. Meeting agenda and information about how to join the meeting, can be found on the town website, townofhardwick.com, under Calendar.

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who lives in a group home came to an end. Dinners with friends, eating out and church services all ended.

She said in her book introduction, “I was so affected emotionally by the stressful life and times those folks (the lepers) faced and then to come home to the coronavirus, the emotion and stress transferred to us.” During this time, Carole made 12 new friends, her neighbor’s chickens where she did not need to social distance. The neighbor told her to collect eggs anytime she wanted. She would bring them grass and clover and vegetable scraps like apple peels and outer leaves of lettuce. She usually went weekly to gather eggs. She said, “But with no friends to visit, no church meet-

ings, no services to attend, no historical society programs to go to, no museum to visit ... I made new friends, chickens.”

She gave her new friends names like Zebra because of her black and white feathers and another Jackie because she jumped up for the treats like a Jack-in-a-box. She always made visits in the afternoon and the chickens seemed to wait for her. Gariepy said, “Besides Gerry, I have twelve others and like all animal friends, they are always happy to see me.”

Before the pandemic, the Gariepys visited their son, Grant, weekly often going to a favorite restaurant. They kept contact via the telephone. Since Grant’s lived in a one story home, they started visiting him through the window. His dad even brought window cleaner so they could see each other clearly.

Carole Gariepy’s book has a section on their visit to the leper colony in Hawaii. She also wrote about visiting a Japanese internment camp, Minidoka, in the early 2000s when traveling in the United States. Both facilities isolated particular groups of people. She interviewed Paul Chihara who lived in that internment camp during WW II about his experience with his mother and siblings. His father was sent to another camp.

Other books by Carole Gariepy included: “Queen Lake a History,” “Quilt of America,””The Spirit of Phillipston,” “Dragging Gerry Around the World,” “Blessings from Grant” and “Why Go There?”

Her latest book, “In Isolation” is available at Becki’s Bistro in Barre and online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

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musical performances, and community gatherings

They also want to end isolation by offering programs that unite the community through common purpose and opportunities

They also propose to build a creative economy by utilizing untapped human and physical resources, incubating creative problem solving, fostering innovation and building a workforce for the future that will strengthen downtown North Brookfield businesses and the economic viability of the region

The Friends have been taking steps toward the restoration of the Town House, a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. With the help of a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant they have completed an architectural feasibility study of the building, and a theatrical report for its Great Hall.

Working toward their second and third objectives the Friends have developed an innovative program called ROAR – Rural Opportunity through Art and Restoration. When ROAR is fully

implemented, the Town House will provide a wide assortment of creative workshops and will host a variety of performances in the Great Hall. With the interactive, imaginative, exciting arts and life programs they are creating for the renovated Town House, the Friends hope to make positive changes for the people of North Brookfield, while drawing in residents from surrounding areas.

Having an arts-driven and walkable downtown has been proven in both research and practical studies to be the most effective way to improve economic viability in rural communities. When communities attract tourism, all commercial businesses experience significant upticks and home sales increase. All of this directly enriches the tax base and the public offerings, which in turn benefits everyone.

After the Town House and its theater are renovated and ROAR is in place, the building once again will be the ‘center of everything’ in the region as it was for decades upon decades. Community involvement in this undertaking is vital. As the DDC and the Friends work to attain their goals, potential grantors and donors are expecting to see

support from town leaders and residents.

Pilot ROAR programs are being planned now. It is hoped that they can begin in the spring, either virtually or in person, in a temporary space until the Town House is ready for occupancy. As challenging as it is in this age of COVID-19, it is vitally important that the town and its residents find ways to be together, create together, and build community together – now more than ever before.

For more information on the Friends of the Town House renovation project and the ROAR program check out its new website at www.nbtownhouse.com.

Keep up to date on the work of the Downtown Development Committee at NorthBrookfieldDDC@gmail.com or follow the link from the town website. Also find them on Facebook by searching North Brookfield Downtown Development Committee or using the following link: https://www.facebook.com/North-Brookfield-Downtown-Development-Committee-101799524697159/?modal=admin_todo_tour.

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Try to keep the “one and a half” rule from Floral Arranging 101 in mind when determining how tall your planter should be. For proportions to be right, the height of your arrangement should be one and a half times the height of the container. For example, if your planter is a foot tall, your grouping of greens can be 18 inches high. If this planter is viewed all the way around, start in the middle of the contain-

er and work out in one direction, then turn it around and do the same on the other side. Use rigid greens such as spruce to get your height. Wispy greens like white pine look great spilling over the edge, gaining width. Because they are dense, juniper and boxwood make great fillers. Holly and Pieris are fancy and perfect for accent. If berries are scarce, you can dress up a planter with red twigs, bows, gilded pods and the like.

Have fun scouring the countryside for a variety of greens this

holiday season and even more fun crafting your arrangements!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

Old Sturbridge Village and Country Bank serve Thanksgiving meals

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village and Country Bank came together again, to offer 750 free meals to families in need this Thanksgiving. The culinary team at the village prepared, cooked and assembled the meals. Country Bank not only financially supported the project, but delivered and distributed the meals as well. The meals were delivered to St. Johns Food for the Poor, YWCA, Abby’s House, Veterans Inc. and Elm Street Congregational Church. In addition, the students of Old Sturbridge Academy created hand-made greeting cards to go with the meals.

“We wanted to do everything we could to help support families in the community this Thanksgiving,” said James Donahue, president of Old Sturbridge Village. “Country Bank and Old Sturbridge Village share a collective belief that we can make a difference when we work together, and we are doing just that.”

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Old Sturbridge Village and Country Bank distributed 750 turkey dinners to families in need.

strength and ability to support so many in need, we are also humbled to witness so many great acts of kindness and support throughout our communities from the people and businesses who make this region the remarkable place it is to live and work.” Scully added, “The pandemic has taken its toll on the people and places in our communities. We know that many have suffered losses over the last several months. Some have lost their jobs, their business, and others have lost loved ones. There is not a more significant time in our history for community partners

to step up and provide support to those in need.”

Situated on 200 scenic acres, Old Sturbridge Village is a collection of more than 40 historic buildings including homes, meetinghouses, trade shops, working farms, restaurants, shops and three water-powered mills.

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving Central and Western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester.

Country Bank announces holiday support for communities in need

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, announced a series of initiatives to help support local communities during the 2020 holiday season, especially those affected by the economic fallout from the ongoing pandemic.

As part of the initiatives, Country Bank teamed up with Old Sturbridge Village to offer 750 free meals to families in need this Thanksgiving.

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On Small Business Saturday, the Country Bank retail banking team supported local small businesses by purchasing 400 gift cards from businesses throughout its markets. These gift cards were distributed in Country Bank branch locations on “Giving Tuesday,” Dec. 1. The Corporate Office team will also be part-

nering with Provision Ministry and assembling 250 backpacks filled with essential care items to be delivered to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Throughout the month of December, the famous red kettles will be visible at several Country Bank branch locations to help fill the void the Salvation Army will experience this year, in part due to the pandemic. In addition, Country Bank has donated \$10,000 for this meaningful cause.

Finally, as part of its Community Cares Program, the staff participated in its very own Boston Marathon by “Walking the Distance” via a downloadable App. This virtual challenge brought everyone together while supporting charities of their choice with a \$500 donation. A total of \$30,000 will be granted to charities.

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To learn more about the various activities that Country Bank will be participating in and how to donate to local charities it is supporting, people may visit www.countrybank.com/seasonof-giving.

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Lions sell Christmas trees on Common

BARRE — The Barre Lions Club (BLC) has decided to go ahead with its annual Christmas Tree Stand and Sale on the Barre Town Common. 2020 has been a trying year, but the BLC knows that owning a Christmas tree will go a long way to cheering people up this holiday season.

The BLC set up its stand the day after Thanksgiving. The BLC has

ordered only 50 trees and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Trees will be available for sale as soon as they arrive on the Common. Trees will be priced at \$35 with the exception of a few “beauties” which will be priced accordingly on site. The stand will be open late afternoon on Thursdays and Fridays and all

day Saturday and all day Sunday until the last tree is sold. Look for the lights.

If the lights are on, the stand will be open. If you need to talk with a Lion or have a pressing need for a tree, call Joe Petracone at 978 660-8730 or Barry or Jean Alman at 978 355-2720. Happy Holidays and stay safe.

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This week’s mystery photo is from Petersham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Nov. 30. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Gary Brigham, Barbara Kempski, Barbara Laborde, Raul Laborde, Judy Ruskowski, Bruce Towner and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. Last week’s photo was Fobes Memorial Library in the center of Oakham.

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her younger brother, Zach, walked down the road from their grandmother’s house to see a neighbor’s puppies out at play. Her brother went back to their grandmother’s house that day as Holly stayed to watch the puppies. When he returned, his father, Rick Piirainen, asked him where Holly was, and he said she was still waiting for the puppies. Very soon afterward, their father sent their older brother, Andrew, and Zach, to bring Holly home for lunch, but all they found was one of her sneakers in the road.

Although a massive search was launched for her, her remains weren’t found until three months later, bringing a tragic end to her disappearance. The website shares her story, and as well as the discovery of her remains.

“Seventy-nine days later, on Oct. 23, 1993, five pheasant hunters with dogs in an Army Corps of Engineers flood control forest several miles away in Brimfield, Massachusetts discovered the skull and partial skeletal remains of a small human child,” the website states. “State Police were called to the scene and quickly located a small-sized T-shirt, dungarees, and one sneaker near the partial skeletal remains. Holly Piirainen had been found.”

Looking for leads

“A murder was committed, and there are people out there who know something,” said former State Police Det. Lt. Robert Corry, who is one of the four men looking for leads and publicizing the website at helpholly.com, and encouraging the public to get involved. “This is such a terrible crime, just horrifying,” he said. “Little kids are gifts from God and this is so wrong. The person or persons who did this need to be incarcerated.”

“We are actively working Holly’s case and we will not rest until the person(s) who murdered her are identified, arrested, tried and convicted,” reads the website. “We created this site to further this goal and because we know that the person who has the information that will solve this case is out there, and we want to encourage them to tell the truth so they can be free, Holly can have justice, and her family can have peace.” All calls and communications are totally confidential, Corry said.

“There are known suspects,” the



A poster put together by a group of former police officers, who are urging the public to share any information about the abduction and murder of 10-year-old Holly Piirainen, which occurred 27 years ago this year. No one has been arrested with the crime.

Courtesy photo

website reads. “Help law enforcement solve this case for once and for all. Give them information you have. It may be the key piece that connects the dots and points to the killer(s).”

The family of Holly Piirainen confirmed Tuesday they are working with the men and are aware of the website, which documents the young girl’s story and encourages people who may have information, no matter how small or insignificant they believe it to be, to come forward. The website includes a letter to the public asking for help as well as Holly’s story, and facts about pedophiles.

“If someone told you that they killed Holly Piirainen or had anything to do with this crime, now is the time to come forward,” the website reads. “If you think you may have witnessed Holly Piirainen being pulled into a vehicle or another part of this abduction...If you witnessed suspicious activity in the woods off Five Bridge Road in Brimfield...If someone asked you for an alibi to lie to police by saying they were with you on the same day and time Holly Piirainen was kidnapped on Aug. 5, 1993 around noontime, you need to report this... If you know something or saw something... Say something!”

How to give a tip

Those with information can call 413-426-3507, which goes directly to Trooper Tom Sullivan, the Hampden County District Attorney’s homicide investigator assigned to the Holly Piirainen case. He will answer your call or will get back to you if you get his voicemail and leave details of what you know and your contact information.

It is also possible to fill out a form online at the website at <https://www.helpholly.com/help.us/>. Once filled out, the form will also go directly to Sullivan. If people sharing information want to, they can

leave their contact information, and he will get back to them..

Letters are also welcomed and can be sent to Holly, P.O. Box 15327, Springfield, MA 01115-5327. All information will go to Sullivan. The letter can be sent anonymously, or if the person would like to be contacted by Sullivan, they should include their contact information.

All information welcome

“Don’t judge for yourself whether the information you have is important,” the website reads. “There are things about this case that only law enforcement knows, so it is not possible for you to know if your information is key. Tell us and let law enforcement fit your information into the puzzle.

Former Warren Police Chief Sean LeBoeuf, who was also a military CID officer, is one of the four men, and the author of much of what is written on the website, Corry said. The other two retired men are former State Trooper Bob Benoit and former Police Officer Thomas McGuigan, who has worked in North Brookfield and Sturbridge.

They have all worked as private investigators after working as police officers, and are currently working under LeBoeuf’s private investigator’s license issued to him and his company, Aragon Investigations Inc., based in Warren.

“This crime did not happen in a vacuum,” reads the open letter to the public on the website. “Who could be responsible — a stranger, an old friend, relative or even a neighbor? There are honorable individuals out there, who might have the information that breaks this case. Are you one of them? Something that you saw or heard, something someone told you they saw or heard, a suspicion based on some relevant facts....anything!! You have the power to tell the truth.”

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Season ends with Indians loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN — The sun set on the 2020 Central Mass. high school field hockey season on Nov. 20.

It was another memorable afternoon for the Quaboag Lady Cougars, especially for the members of the senior class.

Led by seniors Darian Shepherd, Abigail Bouchard, Hannah Martin, and Paisleigh Atwood, Quaboag built a 3-0 halftime lead against the North Brookfield Lady Indians. The Lady Cougars managed to hold onto their lead during the second half en route to a 3-1 home victory.

The Lady Cougars finished the 2020 campaign, which was delayed more than a month because of COVID-19, with an 8-1-1 record. Their only loss came at Leicester on Election Day by the final score of 1-0. They also tied Leicester, 1-1, in a home match, which was played the day before they faced the Lady Indians in the season finale. Quaboag went 5-0-1 in their final six matches of the season.

When Quaboag and North Brookfield battled each other at the beginning of the regular season, the Lady Cougars squeaked out a 1-0 road win. Shepherd scored the lone goal in that contest, which was assisted by Atwood, with less than three minutes remaining in regulation.

Shepherd, Bouchard, Martin, and Atwood are the only seniors listed on the Quaboag field hockey roster. Josh Gray, who's the Director of Field Hockey Operations, will also be graduating next June. He has been a member of the Quaboag field hockey program for the past six seasons.

The Lady Indians posted a 5-5



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Angeline Fritze dribbles her way up the field.

record this fall. They defeated Shepherd Hill and David Prouty twice. Their other win came at home against Tantasqua. Three of their five victories were shutouts.

The only senior listed on the North Brookfield roster is Cami Zalauskas, who didn't play in any games this fall because of an injury.

Unlike the first meeting of the

season between the two neighboring high schools, it didn't take the Lady Cougars very long to take a 1-0 lead in the season finale.

Shepherd dribbled the ball around a defender before firing a shot into the cage past North Brookfield freshman goalie Shannon Toomey for an unassisted breakaway goal with 13:46 remaining in the first quarter.



Ty Babineau takes the ball out of the defensive end for the Indians.

Less than five minutes later, North Brookfield junior Kelly Daige delivered a pass into the circle to junior Eve Tonks. Her shot attempt deflected off the pads of Quaboag sophomore goalie Arianna Masterjohn.

Masterjohn would then make a kick save on another shot by Tonks.

While the visiting team failed



Eve Tonks takes possession for North Brookfield.



Kelly Daige collides with an opponent.

to tie the score, the home team would increase their lead with 3:38 left in the opening quarter. That's when Shepherd delivered a pass to Bouchard, who pushed a shot into the cage.

The Lady Cougars also had a couple of shots during the final twenty seconds of the quarter.

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HoopHall event cancelled, to return in 2022

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the cancellation of the 2021 Spalding Hoophall Classic presented by Eastbay. The annual basketball showcase entering its 20th year at Springfield College, the birthplace of basketball, is typically played during MLK Weekend.

"We're obviously extremely disappointed to cancel Hoophall Classic, a premiere event in the high school basketball calendar," said Greg Procino, Vice President of Basketball Operations for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "The event has seen tremendous talent and success over the past two decades, with a number of sellout crowds, but ultimately the safety of our fans, student athletes and staff is of the utmost importance. We thank Springfield and our marketing partners for their support over the years and look forward to returning to Blake Arena when it's safe to do so."

The Basketball Hall of Fame plans to relaunch the elite high school event in 2022. For the latest updates as they become available, follow @hoophallclassic on Instagram and Twitter.

The HoopHall event has featured many games featuring area high school teams, including South Hadley, Holyoke, Minnechaug, Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive, South Hadley, Agawam, and Granby during its history.

Pioneers finally score in finale



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Sasha Williams follows through on a pass.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — The Hampden Charter and Pathfinder girls soccer teams were looking to get into the win column for the first time this fall when they battled each other in the season finale.

The Lady Pioneers got the job done with a 3-2 home victory over the Wolves on Nov. 16.

"It feels very good to end our season on a high note," said Pathfinder head coach Tom Dyjack. "We were able to score a couple of goals and our goalie made a couple of key saves."

A year ago, Pathfinder and Hampden Charter, which is in Chicopee, faced each other twice during the regular season. The Wolves won the first meeting, 5-0, and the second match-up ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Lady Pioneers, who qualified for the 2019 Western Massachusetts Division 4 tourna-



Courtney Shea takes a free kick.

ment with an 8-7-3 record, normally plays against other vocational schools like McCann Tech, Sci-Tech, Putnam, and Westfield Tech during the regular season.

Because of COVID-19, the Lady Pioneers were put into a



Ava Theoclis looks for an open teammate.



Sophia Dobek makes a run near the sideline.



Cordelia Hageman tries to steal the ball away from a Hampden Charter player.

bubble with seven other schools from the surrounding communities. The top finishers in the league standings were Monson, Belchertown, South Hadley, Granby, and Palmer.

"We just tried to do our best in

every game this season," Dyjack said. "We do have a lot of younger players on the team, so we should have a much better season next year. This was a very competitive game for us."

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Wrestling to be played in spring season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — First it was outdoor "indoor" track, now could wrestling be moving outdoors?

Rather than cancel the high school wrestling season, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has voted to move wrestling to the spring season.

A "bubble" was placed between the winter and spring seasons to account for sports that were either shut down, or in the case of football and cheerleading, sports that were deemed high-risk to play during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

While there is optimism some restrictions will lift as the vaccine rolls out in the next few months, the MIAA is operating as through the pandemic conditions exist until they are otherwise guided by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The EEA has been issuing the guidance high schools have been operating with. The guidance has included modified rules and protocols utilized to help keep students healthy while also remaining on the athletic fields.

The EEA has advised against wrestling during the winter season due to the sport having "sustained close contact" between competitors.

With football already set to be played during the "bubble" season, the decision was made to try and have wrestling during the spring season.

With school gymnasiums being utilized for boys volleyball during the spring as well as the temperatures rising, the idea of hosting wrestling meets outdoors has been broached. It is unclear how that would look and what conditions spring athletes will compete under, but it would definitely be a first to hold wrestling meets outdoors. Meets typical-

See WRESTLING, page 8

Senior photos from fall season wanted

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The fall season is nearing its end and Turley Publications has been all over the action.

But with this unpredictable season there have been temporary or in some cases, permanent stoppages in play, and we still want to help feature your athletes, especially those who are seniors this year.

We continue to ask for help on this season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

If you attended any senior games and would like to see those photos in our papers, we welcome submitted photos from those events and information about graduating seniors who participated in Fall 1 sports.

We also welcome any additional information about other major achievements. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

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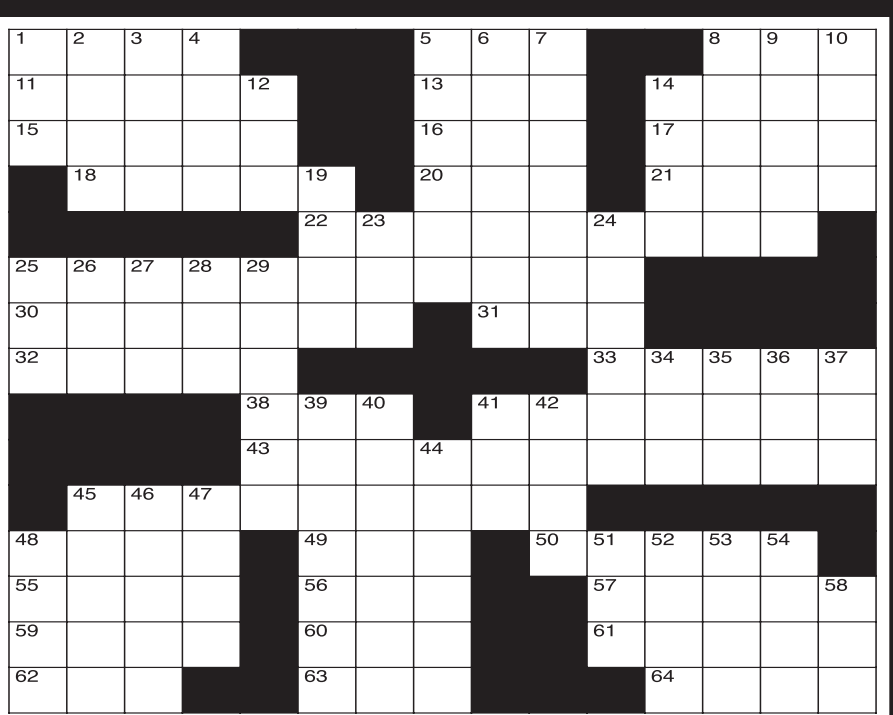
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Pioneers look for roster hopefuls

Though the tryouts had to be more staggered with plenty of social distance, the Western Mass. Pioneers organization held tryouts prior to the Thanksgiving holiday for its many



- CLUES ACROSS**
 - Opposite of west
 - ___ Caesar, comedian
 - Helps little firms
 - A way to censor
 - Expresses atomic and molecular weights
 - Chalcedony
 - Type of sword
 - A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
 - Attired
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 - Expresses pleasure
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 - A way to cut off
 - Indigenous Thai person
 - Pale brownish yellow color
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 - Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
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 - Unstressed-stressed
 - Type of palm tree
 - Judo garments

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Education

Campus police to hold annual Stuff-A-Cruiser

WORCESTER – Snow, sleet, rain and even a pandemic won't stop Quinsigamond Community College's Campus Police from hosting its annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event. Each year campus police collect new, unwrapped toys that go directly to QCC students and their families. who need a little help during the holiday season.

"Every year we try to bring some joy into the lives of our students who may be experiencing additional hardship during the holiday season. This year, the pandemic is making life even more challenging for our students and we want them to know we are still here for them and their children," said QCC Campus Police Chief Kevin Ritacco.

Donations will also be accepted at the QCC Campus Police Station, 670 West Boylston St., Worcester or by mail: "Blue Santa" 670 West Boylston St. Worcester, MA 01606.

"We hope our community will once again make the holidays a bit brighter for our students and their families, who have worked through adversities this year with such deter-



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QCC Campus Police Officers Deputy Chief Reynaldo Rodriguez, from left and Police Captain Joseph Cecchi Blue Santa at last year's Stuff-A-Cruiser event. This photo was taken at the end of 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. QCC requires anyone coming to campus to wear

mination and heart," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

For more information about QCC, people may contact Josh

Martin, director of institutional communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

Valerie Weisler will speak via Zoom at EWB conference

DUDLEY– The 2020 Empowering Women in Business Conference, postponed from its original date of April 3, has been rescheduled to Friday, Dec. 10 from 12:30-4:30 p.m., on Zoom, with its originally scheduled keynote speaker, Valerie Weisler, the founding CEO of the Validation Project.

The cost is \$20 per person; \$10 for Nichols faculty, staff and alumni and \$5 for students. To register, people may visit www.empowering-women.biz/.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of EWIB, which began as a grass roots effort of Nichols faculty and staff. Today, EWIB is a featured program of the Institute for Women's Leadership, which was established by Nichols College President Susan West

Engelkemeyer, PhD, in 2013 to develop the leadership potential of students and serve as a resource and authoritative voice on women's leadership for the community at large. Over the years, EWIB has helped thousands of female entrepreneurs, business owners, executives, and students develop skills, build confidence, and discover opportunities through inspirational speakers, practical presentations, and dynamic networking.

The 2020 keynote speaker, Valerie Weisler, is noted for sparking her own empowerment movement. She published a website in 2013, at the age of 14, which grew into the Validation Project, an international organization that works with 6,000+ teenagers in 105 countries to turn passion into positive action through mentor-

ing and social justice assignments. Her self-designed kindness curriculum is taught in nearly 1,000 schools.

Weisler is a L'Oreal Paris brand ambassador, and her work has been featured on CNN, in Oprah Magazine, Upworthy and more. She has served on the Harvard Graduate School of Education's advisory board, and was recently chosen as the United States delegate to the G(irls)20 Global Summit, a platform for young women to speak directly to the G20 leaders about the urgent issues facing girls and women around the world. In 2014, at the age of 16, she received the national Jefferson Award for Peace and Justice.

"Valerie has channeled her experience of being bullied into

Fitchburg State to hold free webinar

FITCHBURG — Learn about Fitchburg State University's Master of Science in Counseling program at a free webinar at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. The event is sponsored by the university's School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education.

During the free online session, program chair Dr. Daneen Deptula and School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education staff will be available to answer any questions about the program, and information will be shared about the program's two concentrations - in mental health counseling and school counseling - as well as the streamlined application process for which no GRE is required.

There will also be information available about how to finance a graduate degree at a university with one of the lowest tuition rates in the Northeast.

Webinar attendees will also have their \$50 application fees waived.

To learn more and to register, people may visit https://admissions.fitchburgstate.edu/register/counseling2020.

an international organization that helps thousands turn their struggles into their superpowers," said Rachel Ferreira, director of the IWL. "What she has accomplished is beyond impressive, and her message will be a source of inspiration for this year's EWIB participants."

For more information on the Institute for Women's Leadership at Nichols College or the Empowering Women in Business Conference, people may visit http://iwl.nichols.edu/or www.empowering-women.biz/.

People may view online at http://nichols.meritpages.com/news/Nichols-College-conference-celebrates-virtually-10-years-of-empowering-women-Validation-Project-founder-to-keynote-anniversary-event/17950.

Holyoke Community College honored for pushing EV adoption

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College was honored this week by the MassEVolves consortium for taking steps to expand the use of electric vehicles on campus.

The Third Annual MassEVolves Recognition Ceremony was held Wednesday, Nov. 18, to highlight Massachusetts leaders in the adoption of electric vehicles (EV).

The virtual event was co-hosted by the national nonprofit Recharge

America, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

HCC was one of 19 Mass. organizations and colleges singled out during the ceremony, including just three others from western Massachusetts: Hampshire College, the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Bard College at Simon's Rock.

HCC has an EV station in the

parking lot outside its Center for Health Education and Simulation on Jarvis Avenue in Holyoke along with spaces allocated for zero emission vehicles in the visitors parking lot by its Campus Center, where wiring already exists to install EV charging stations.

Increasing the number of electric vehicles in Massachusetts is expected to revitalize local economies in Massachusetts and across the country. Recharge America has shown that EVs can deliver

over \$1,000 per year per vehicle in local economic development benefit to communities where they reside.

MassEVolves is a statewide initiative conducted by Recharge America in partnership with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection. More information about the MassEVolves program is at massevolves.org.

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Quaboag's third goal was scored by sophomore Kiara Gauthier, which was assisted by Martin, with 13:29 left in the first half.

Shepherd and Bouchard also had shots on goal for Quaboag during the second quarter, but the score remained 3-0 at intermission.

In the middle of the third quarter, North Brookfield sophomore Ty Babineau made an outstanding diving save on a shot attempt by Martin, which prevented the Lady

Cougars from taking a 4-0 lead.

Masterjohn, who posted six shutouts this season, was able to keep the Lady Indians off the scoreboard during the first three quarters of the game.

Babineau ended Masterjohn's shutout bid by scoring an unassisted breakaway goal with 12:09 remaining in the game.

Neither team had very many scoring chances the rest of the way.

It was a little different season, but the four Quaboag seniors can always say that they won their final high school field hockey game.

PATHFINDER, continued from page 7

Prior to facing Pathfinder, Hampden Charter had only played three games against Pope Francis, which were all one-sided affairs.

The only two seniors listed on the Pathfinder roster are Jylian Auger and Cierra Table, who are goalkeepers. Neither one of them played in the final game of the season.

Sophomore Angelina Therrian made a total of 12 saves in her first varsity game as a goalie.

"Angelina had never even played the position in practice, but she told me that she could do it," Dyjack said. "She made a couple of big saves and played fantastic out there."

The Lady Pioneers took the lead for the first time with about ten minutes remaining in the second half.

With the score tied at 2-2, Pathfinder sophomore Stephanie Kozlick dribbled the ball between a couple of defenders down the left wing before delivering a pass into the box. The pass went to junior Courtney Shea, who blasted a shot into the back of the net past sophomore Hampden Charter sophomore goalie Victoria Fogg (8 saves).

"Stephanie was able to work the ball down the field before crossing it into the box," Dyjack said. "Courtney was able to finish the play by scoring her first varsity goal. It was a beautiful play." Kozlick scored Pathfinder's

first two goals during the first half.

"It was my first two goals of the season," Kozlick said. "We faced a bunch of very good teams, who aren't normally in our conference. I'm glad that we were able to win at least one game."

Kozlick nearly recorded her first hat-trick of the season during the second half, but a breakaway shot was saved by Fogg.

With ten seconds left in the contest, Therrian made her final save of the match, which allowed the Lady Pioneers to celebrate at least one victory this fall.

"I thought they were going to tie the score again on that last second shot," Dyjack said. "Angelina was able to come

class. With wrestling being competed in the spring, some schools could lose competitors to their regular spring sports, including lacrosse, baseball, tennis, and track. There also could be a lack of tournaments for individual wrestlers to compete in depending on how the region reacts to the sports movement to the spring.

There will be no winter tournaments for basketball and hockey. It is unknown whether spring sports will have tournaments played.

Wrestlers are allowed to have practices during the winter season.

up with the save. I thought we played very well during second half."

The Wolves took a 1-0 lead a minute into the first half following a goal by eighth grader Danasia Wilson, which was assisted by junior Kylie Pothier.

An unassisted goal by Kozlick ten minutes later tied the score for the first time.

The visitors would retake the lead when a long direct kick by Pothier floated into the right corner.

The Lady Pioneers managed to tie the score again late in the first half following Kozlick's second goal, which was assisted by sophomore Ava Theoclis.

The score remained deadlock at 2-2 for the next 30 minutes.

Church News

Tri-Parish Community Church news

HARDWICK — The Tri-Parish Community Church on Sunday, Nov. 29 had the piano music of grandmother, Susan Kallander; and granddaughter, Faith Stillman. Music plays such an important part of our church life and our daily lives that it is difficult not to burst into song in public when we hear a familiar tune, because of the increased possibility of spreading the virus.

Speaking of that, there is a large, silent choir assembled on the front steps of the Hardwick First Universalist Church. Made by Deacon Marguerite Crevier, they have been gathered for 15 plus years to announce the Christmas season. Rumor has it that someone looking for a new home, decided on Hardwick because of the “homey” feeling of that “choir.”

Also, ‘tis the season for giving – warm mittens, hats and gloves to be distributed to children in need at Christmas. These items will decorate the church Christmas tree until then.

Ever feel that when you are talking with people, that no one is listening? Or, when you write an article for the local newspaper, does anyone read it? Well, the Tri-Parish Community Church news article on Nov. 12 had a faux pas about church service being held in the Hardwick Universalist Church through April 2021. The Hardwick Church is actually through Dec. 2020; and then rotates to the New Braintree Congregational Church for four months.

The Tri-Parish has an additional church the Hardwick Calvinistic Congregational Church. This

church has been mostly unused for about a decade and is the second oldest church in Hardwick. Presently, under the “mother-ship” of Judith B. Kohn there is a “work-in-progress” attempt at bringing the church back to its former glory. There is no water or heat at this time; but on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. a work force is cleaning and restoring. More volunteers and funds are needed for this project. If people would like to help, they can just show up on Thursdays or call Judy at 413-967-7391 for more information.

Mrs. Ginny Rich will be conducting the Sunday, Dec. 6 service. Social Distancing and masks will be required. All are cordially invited to join them at 10 a.m. in the Hardwick Universalist Church.

Local pastors offer sermons

How to Have a Merry Christmas

The Christmas season is upon us. This should be the most wonderful time of the year! However, for a growing number, this season is associated with everything but merriment. In fact, the Christmas holiday has become more commonly associated with heightened levels of stress.

Did you know that one study suggests that 88% of people report particularly high degrees of stress at this time? Did you also know that the average couple will have seven major arguments through the holiday? What are the sources of such contention and conflict? They include but are not limited to the following: a) overwhelming financial demands and expectations; b) knowing what to get loved ones for the holiday; c) shopping for said gift items; and d) cooking and cleaning in preparation for Christmas gatherings. Thus, a time of the year that is supposed to bring joy is reducing many to tears. This should not be particularly for those who claim Christ as Lord and Savior!

Do you want some tips on how to have a truly merry Christmas? Please take note of the following:

1) Practice Forgiveness

Very few things sap merriment like a bitter heart. Show me a person given to hostility, resentment and angst toward others and I will show you someone who cannot be a conduit of God’s abounding joy. Have you ever looked at the face of an unforgiving individual? It looks like a smile might actually crack their face!

The Lord commands us to forgive because unforgiveness is so toxic to the soul. As one author notes, “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” Do your best to fulfill the following biblical mandates this Christmas:

Ephesians 4:32

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Mark 11:25

25 “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

2) Grieve as Necessary

2020 has been tough on many of us. Perhaps you lost a loved one, a job, a business or said goodbye to a dream.

It is necessary and appropriate to take some time to mourn what you have lost. Believe it or not, grief can open the soul to comfort divine and, therefore, joy. It is as we go through the process of mourning that we find much-needed relief and healing in Christ Jesus. You should never try to bury your feelings but bring your burdens to the Lord:

Matthew 11:28

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Please do not try to convince yourself that you are above grief and the feelings thereof! Did you know that even Jesus felt the sting of pain and loss? When confronted with the reality of His friend Lazarus’s death, the Bible records that “Jesus wept” (John 11:35). Moreover, upon hearing the news of John the Baptist’s death, the Bible notes that Jesus “withdrew by boat to a solitary place” (Matthew 14:13). Why? To grieve.

To those who are weary, hurting and in pain, I point you to the following promise of Scripture:

Psalms 34:18

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

3) Enjoy Friends and Family

Few things are as life-giving as time spent with family and close friends. I believe that God rejoices when we find healthful connection with one another. As Psalm 133:1 declares: “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” If you have treasured people in your life, treasure them!

Of course, it is possible that family and friends are the source of your stress. Perhaps you are anxious and overcome by the gift-giving, the shopping and endless preparations! If so, consider that Christmas is not really about the perfect gift, meal or moments, but about loving connection with God and one another. Do not get so caught up in the urgent that you forget what is truly important! Give your family and friends what they really want: some quality time, affection and your undivided attention!

4) Show Charity to the Less Fortunate

There is a wonderful teaching of Christ that believers rarely seek to fulfill:

Luke 14:12-14

12 Then Jesus said . . . “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Who can you bless this Christmas? Are there people in your sphere of influence that are in need? If so, take the opportunity to show generosity to such families and individuals. As you do, you will come to understand the truth of Jesus’ words (Acts 20:35): “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

5) Keep Christ at the Center

It may sound cliché, but Jesus is the reason for the season. Yet, it is easy for us to neglect the reason we celebrate Christmas in the first place. As one author pens, “To perceive Christmas through its wrappings becomes more difficult with every year.” This should not be!

Christmas affords us the wondrous opportunity to glorify Christ and remember the event of the Incarnation (i.e., God becoming man). Though I will not criticize those who include St. Nicholas in their merry-making, I cannot fathom why so many spotlight fantasy when we can revel in world-changing reality! Let us consider the command of the apostle Paul:

Colossians 3:1-2

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

How can you keep Christ at the center? Listen to and sing Christ-centered carols. Read through the Gospel narratives concerning the birth of Jesus (cf. Matthew and Luke). Attend a church service with family and friends. If you do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior, today is your opportunity to believe upon Him!

Do you want to have a merry Christmas?

- 1) Practice Forgiveness
- 2) Grieve as Necessary
- 3) Enjoy Relationships
- 4) Show Real Charity
- 5) Worship Christ

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at www.w.

NewLifeBarre.org or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon!

Pastor James Foley

*New Life Assembly of God
South Barre*

First Sunday of Advent

“We are Keepers of the House”

**Scripture Reading:
Mark 13 v 24-37**

I. Introduction:

We all must have had the opportunity at some point to take care of someone’s house or belongings, or looked after someone’s child or loved one, right? We all have something to take care of as well... our homes, our families, our jobs, our church and more. In doing so, we realize what a responsibility it is to be watchful and to make sure that things go well, until the owner of the house, or the parent of the child returns; or that our own homes and families are staying strong and healthy. We are watchful when we take care of our families and loved ones, as well as our belongings, because we do not know what can happen suddenly.

II. Be on Guard! Be alert! Keep watch!

This thirteenth Chapter of the Book of Mark is referred to as the Eschatological Speech by some theologians, because of its focus on the final destiny of human beings and the events that will lead up to it. In the first few verses we see the disciples admiring the beauty of the temple in Jerusalem, and how Jesus explains that despite its beauty, the temple will be broken down. Jesus then goes on to talk about, “The beginning of the sorrows,” where there will be great suffering, many false prophets will pretend to be the Messiah, nations will stand up against nations, there will be earthquakes, but, He says, it will not be the end yet. He continues to warn the disciples about their own suffering, and how they will be brought before Governors and Kings to defend their faith in Christ. The passage goes on to describe great calamities and a spiritual breakdown as the antichrist is surfacing into the wider world, acting against what God stands for.

According to Herman Ridderbos in, “The Coming of the Kingdom,” many events must still happen before the end time, and it is not clear how long this period will last. No one knows, not even Jesus Himself when the Second Coming will be, only God, Yahweh knows this information. This, however, according to Ridderbos, is a prophetic message by Jesus, which bears witness to the absolute certainty of Christ’s coming.

It is in the context of this speech that we find our passage, verses 24 – 37 and particularly 32 – 37, where Jesus explains to His disciples that no one knows when the end time will be. It will be like a man who goes on a journey and leaves his house to be taken care of by his workers. One person at the door has the special task of keeping a watchful eye on the house. The workers must stay awake and be watchful because they do not know when the owner would return. It might be during the day, or during the night, or suddenly.

Jesus is using this parable to teach His disciples about His second coming, of which He Himself is not certain when that will be. He cau-

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Obituaries

John E. “Jack The Shot” Foley, 81



BARRE – John E. “Jack The Shot” Foley, 81, passed away peacefully on Sunday Nov. 29, 2020 from complications of Parkinson’s Disease with his devoted wife by his side. Always the optimist, Jack believed that he had lived a fairy tale, a life full of unbelievable adventures.

Jack excelled in basketball first at Assumption Prep in Worcester where he earned his nickname by sinking an unlikely shot that clipped the side of the backboard. In his final year of high school, he was averaging 41.8 points per game and was a first team All-American. Jack was heavily recruited by dozens of respected colleges and universities, but he chose to remain in Worcester and attend his father and brother, Frank’s, alma mater, Holy Cross. Among the records he set at Holy Cross are: total career points, (2,185 in three years, the first Crusader to top the 2,000 point mark) two highest scoring games (56 and 55 points; no other Crusader has topped 50 points in the almost 60 years since) and highest point per game average. (33.3) He earned numerous accolades and All-America honors in each of his three years playing. Freshmen were not permitted to play at the time. Drafted by the Celtics in 1962, he joined the team after completing his reserve service for the U.S. Coast Guard. He was traded to the Knicks later in the season.

Jack then began his legendary career in education, teaching history for 37 years at Burncoat Junior and then South High. While teach-

ing, Jack coached high school boys’ basketball at Boys Trade, Quabbin Regional and South High. He coached the girls’ team at South that included Nancy (Mayer) Bates as an All-American and Jack would remark how rare it was to have one high school All-American coach another. Jack led this undefeated girls’ team to the Central Mass. Semifinals and the following year to the state semifinals.

Jack took on a third job as a part-time police officer in Barre with his buddy, who would later become chief, Jim Thompson. Jack decided that if he took a night job, police work would be safer than working at a gas station or liquor store since he’d be on the right end of the gun. For many years Jack would finish his teaching day, have tea and pie with Andy and Doris Power while waiting to start his boys’ basketball practice, would finally return home in the evening for a quick bite and nap, then work the midnight shift in the “cruiser car.” If all was quiet, Jack would drive to swampy areas to use the cruiser’s spotlight in search of frogs, deer or other wildlife. Like so many things he did, Jack saw his police work as another adventure that came with great accessories. He retired from the force in 2009 after serving the community where was known for answering, “How are you?” with, “Always Good!”

Jack loved snakes, nature and photography. He enjoyed hiking to snake dens with his children and friends in the spring and fall and

was frustrated when his health would no longer allow him to do this safely. Dreaming of one day opening his own gallery, he photographed beautiful local landscapes and wildlife. He would later discover the grandeur of Alaska and numerous national parks when he and his wife took their summer-long, annual cross country trips. Photos of chipmunks and dripping icicles were replaced with splashing grizzly bears and turquoise glacial ice caves.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Gail Raney; his brother and sister-in-law Frank and Rosemary of Worcester and the children of his first marriage, Roy and wife Jen of Virginia, Herb, wife Lynne and grandchildren Scott and Brandon of Ware, Ralph of Worcester and granddaughter Serah and great-granddaughter of NJ; daughter Jennifer and grandson Arnvind of Tenn., grandson James Hill of Idaho; son Luis, partner Nicole and granddaughter Mackenzie of PA; nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Francis J. Foley. Sr. and Nora A. (Fleming) Foley, sister Maureen and granddaughter Ashley.

A memorial service will be held in the spring and a “Jack Foley Storytelling Celebration” will be scheduled for early summer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jack’s memory to the Parkinson’s Foundation (<https://www.parkinson.org>) or The Bronx Zoo (Help Save Animals | Ways to Give) honoring Jack’s deep respect for Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars, herpetologist and curator of the reptile collection at the Bronx Zoo. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South. Barre Road, Barre.

Daniel P. Moscato, 78



WASHINGTON, MAINE – Daniel P. Moscato, 78, of Washington, Maine, formerly of Hardwick, Mass., passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at Maine General in Augusta with his loving wife by his side. He was born in New York, N.Y. on Jan. 11, 1942 to the late Demetrio (Dan) Moscato and Christine (Salamone) Moscato.

He leaves his wife, Cheryl (Smith) Moscato of 33 years; brothers, Robert and Thomas of Long Island, N.Y.; mother-in-law Carol Smith; brother-in-law Robert Smith, Jr. and wife Sally, sister-in-law Karen Valley all of Hardwick,

Mass., special nephew and niece, Justin and Sidney, nine nieces and nephews, and ten great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Allyson Smith in 2016.

Dan moved to Massachusetts in the late 1960s to follow his dream of working on the railroad. Incorporated Mass Central Railroad in the late 1970s and brought it back to life and it is still running daily though operat-

ed by someone else. In the early 1990s he helped bring back the Rockland-Brunswick-Augusta line moving here in 1996 to work full-time on the Maine Coast. He never worked a day in his life because he did what he loved.

Dan and Cheryl shared a rare love between them and were together for 38 years. Dan loved his dogs, cats and his cow.

A private family burial will be held in Hardwick at a later date. Halls of Waldoboro, Maine is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Foley, John E.
Died Nov. 29, 2020

Moscato, Daniel P.
Died: Nov. 7, 2020

St. Francis to hold Christmas dinner for seniors

BARRE – St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be providing a Christmas dinner for seniors Sunday, Dec. 20. All meals will be delivered. The menu is turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potato, squash, and apple crisp. Deliveries will start at 11 a.m. There are sign-up sheets around town at Grandview Terrace, Bradford Building and the Barre Mobile Home Park and at the back of each of their churches.

However, people who are home bound and would like to have a dinner delivered and or if they know of a senior that would appreciate a dinner, they should sign up by calling

Maryann Watson at 978-257-8183. People can leave a message on her answering machine. She will need name, address, phone number and the number of meals. The deadline for sign-up is Saturday, Dec. 12.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish with the aid of Hearts on Fire group will be providing a Christmas dinner for seniors and could use some helpers. This parish outreach project is being funded by the Parish Emergency Fund. People willing to help with the food prep, packing or delivery should contact Paula Wood at 978-434-1246.

St. Mary’s taking Polish food orders

WARE – St Mary’s Church, 57 South St. in Ware will be having a pre-order sale of their own kapusta @ \$6.00/qt., freshly made kielbasa from Bernat’s Polish Deli @ \$8.00 and freshly made polish bread from Countryside Bakery @ \$4.50. Curbside pickup will be on Dec. 19 in the parking lot behind St. Mary’s Church. You will be designated a pickup time when placing your order. Payment should be the exact amount, either check made out to St. Mary’s Church, or cash and placed in an envelope with your name, phone number and payment amount. People may call Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207 with questions and/or to order. All orders must be received by Monday Dec. 7.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 15
11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Concert Mall - Report Filed
11:21 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Clem Court - Transported to Hospital
4:26 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Austin Street - Transported to Hospital

Monday, Nov. 16
12:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident South Barre Road - Report Filed
1:32 p.m. Fraud Farrington Road - Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Nov. 17
4:07 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Lane Road - Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, Nov. 19
4:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident South Street - Removed Hazard
5:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wheelwright Road - Citation Issued
10:31 a.m. Trespassing Main Street - Negative Contact
10:32 a.m. Harassment Peach Street - Referred to Other Agency
1:26 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street - Transported to Hospital
6:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident West Street - No Transport Required

Friday, Nov. 20
11:43 a.m. Fraud Grogan Road - Referred to Other Agency
6:03 p.m. Fraud Old Dana Road - Officer Advised

Saturday, Nov. 21
9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street - Criminal Complaint

Monday, Nov. 23
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident High Street South - No Fire Service Necessary
2:21 p.m. Illegal Dumping Spring Hill Road - Officer Spoke to Party
8:28 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Oakham Road - Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 24
1:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street - Arrest(s) Made
S u m m o n s : M y n o r A . I v o y , 2 3 , S o u t h B a r r e U n l i c e n s e d O p e r a t i o n o f M o t o r V e h i c l e ; S p e e d i n g R a t e o f S p e e d E x c e e d i n g P o s t e d L i m i t
9:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street - Written Warning
12:21 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Valley Road - Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street - Criminal Complaint
S u m m o n s : E r i c a L . V a n d e r b u r g h , 3 0 , S o u t h B a r r e

Wednesday, Nov. 25
11:23 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency School Street North - Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 26
3:09 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Nichols Road - Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:58 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kendall Street - Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, Nov. 27
1:03 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Oak Street - Transported to Hospital
8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street - Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 28
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road - Citation Issued
10:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road - Citation Issued

South Barre
M o n d a y , N o v . 2 3
7:53 p.m. Threats Elm Street South - Officer Advised

Friday, Nov. 27
1:03 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Oak Street - Transported to Hospital

License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Wednesday, Nov. 25
11:23 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency School Street North - Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 26
3:09 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Nichols Road - Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:58 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kendall Street - Ambulance Signed Refusal

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 15
10:26 a.m. Harassment Peters Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party
12:13 p.m. Trespassing Anthony Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
3:57 p.m. Larceny Barre Paxton Road – Officer Spoke to Party
6:39 p.m. Complaint Pleasantdale Road – Officer Advised

Monday, Nov. 16
12:25 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Lewis Street – Transported to Hospital
9:19 a.m. Fraud Juniper Lane – Report Filed
9:29 a.m. Fraud Sassawanna Road – Report Filed
9:30 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East County Road – Transported to Hospital
9:33 a.m. Fraud Olivia Lane – Report Filed
9:35 a.m. Fraud Bernard Road – Report Filed
10:34 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:48 a.m. Health Hazard Maple Avenue – Removed Hazard
11:15 a.m. Fraud Sidoti Lane – Report Filed
11:39 a.m. Fraud Glenwood Place – Report Filed
12:59 p.m. Fraud Watson Lane – Report Filed
1:19 p.m. Fraud Brunelle Drive – Report Filed
3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
3:43 p.m. Fraud Crestview Drive – Information Given
4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
4:36 p.m. Harassment Glenwood Place – Officer Spoke to Party
4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
7:11 p.m. Fraud Kalloch Drive – Officer Advised
7:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Citation Issued
8:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Efrén Santiago, 49, Gilbertville
License Suspended, Subsequent Offense; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
Summons: Midali Betancourt Cordova, 48, Worcester
Unlicensed/Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
11:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Citation Issued

Tuesday, Nov. 17
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Norman C. Gilbert, 33, Athol
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Identify Self, Motor Vehicle Operator Refuse
Summons: Heather J. Bradshaw, 28, Athol
Inspection/Sticker, No; Unlicensed/ Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
11:55 a.m. Fraud Cameron Drive – Services Rendered
8:17 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Miles Road – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 18
9:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Sanders Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 19
9:30 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency

Cameron Drive – Referred to Other Agency
9:37 a.m. Fire, Appliance Ten Rod Road – Fire Extinguished
11:47 a.m. Identity Theft Brintnal Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
3:13 p.m. Fraud Brunelle Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
3:15 p.m. Fraud Maple Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning
4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning
4:48 p.m. Fraud Brunelle Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
8:25 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Britney Drive – Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 20
7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued
8:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning
9:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
12:37 p.m. Fraud Briarwood Road – Officer Advised
2:18 p.m. Fraud Pleasantdale Road – Officer Spoke to Party
3:39 p.m. Fraud Jamie Ann Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
3:52 p.m. Fraud Hickory Drive – Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Nov. 21
9:37 a.m. Fraud Jackson Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party
11:31 a.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Main Street – Referred to Other Agency
12:03 p.m. Fraud Prescott Street – Report Filed
1:49 p.m. Fraud Edson Avenue – Report Filed
3:28 p.m. Fraud East County Road – Report Filed
4:18 p.m. Fraud Hickory Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
4:40 p.m. Fraud Main Street – Report Filed

Sunday, Nov. 22
1:17 p.m. Property Damage Victoria Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Nov. 23
6:45 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Public Assist
9:59 a.m. Fraud Cameron Drive – Report Filed
10:37 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Referred to Other Agency
1:38 p.m. Fraud Pommogussett Road – Report Filed
2:27 p.m. Fraud Main Street – Report Filed
2:28 p.m. Fraud Marjorie Lane – Report Filed
3:33 p.m. Fraud Watson Lane – Report Filed

Tuesday, Nov. 24
7:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
9:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Citation Issued
9:18 a.m. Fraud Bethany Drive –

Report Filed
9:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wachusett Street – Citation Issued
10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Jay S. Gadoury, 45, Whitinsville
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
10:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Vehicle Towed
11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Sabrina Dos-Santos, 31, Worcester
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Marked Lanes Violation
12:25 p.m. Threats Turkey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency
1:29 p.m. Fraud William Circle – Report Filed

Wednesday, Nov. 25
12:36 p.m. Fraud Campbell Street – Report Filed
1:45 p.m. Fraud Grizzly Drive – Report Filed
3:37 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Jamie Ann Drive – Transported to Hospital
3:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Schoolhouse Drive – Referred to Other Agency
7:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 26
1:36 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Turnpike Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East County Road – Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 27
10:07 a.m. Fraud Carlsons Way – Officer Spoke to Party
1:03 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Oak Street – Transported to Hospital
5:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Vehicle Towed
6:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Saturday, Nov. 28
8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
10:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Emanuel Mota Soares, 28, Worcester
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting RMV
12 p.m. Fraud Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
12:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
1:49 p.m. Larceny Clearview Road – Report Filed
2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue –Written Warning
3:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Turnpike Road – Transported to Hospital
3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Sassawanna Road – Vehicle Towed
5:50 p.m. Fraud Briarwood Road – Report Filed

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 15
8:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Gardner Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, Nov. 16
10:26 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Thompson Road – Transported to Hospital
12:17 p.m. Unattended Death Gardner Road – Report Filed
5:55 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Underwood Road – Rescued

Tuesday, Nov. 17
9:41 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hale Road – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 18
4:24 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kruse Road – Transported to Hospital
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Gardner Road – Citation Issued
Thursday, Nov. 19
2:11 p.m. Fire, Structure Brigham Street – Fire Extinguished
10:57 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Madison Way – No Transport Required

Friday, Nov. 20
1:29 p.m. Fraud Brigham Street – Report Filed

Saturday, Nov. 21
9:26 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Madison Way – No Action Required
12:04 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brigham Street – Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 22
12:55 p.m. Safety Concern Kruse Road – Investigated

Tuesday, Nov. 24
9:14 a.m. Identity Theft Halfrey Road

– Information Taken
9:23 a.m. Identity Theft Ragged Hill Road – Information Taken

Wednesday, Nov. 25
8:49 a.m. Identity Theft New Westminster Road – Information Taken
4:56 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Dogwood North Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 26
2:59 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Shawnee Way – Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 27
5:35 p.m. Fraud Natty Pond Drive – Report Filed

Saturday, Nov. 28
11:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Boston Turnpike – Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

For the week of Nov. 23-30, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 70 building/property checks, 3 animal calls, 1 forgery/fraud, 5 emergency 911 calls, 1 safety hazard, 12 radar assignments, 19 directed/area patrols and 6 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Nov. 23
12:04 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Highland Terrace – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 25
12:40 p.m. Phone – Welfare Check Creamery Road – Transported to Hospital

3:26 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 26
11:32 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
4:17 p.m. Phone – Complaint High Street – Investigated
10:02 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations High Street – Investigated

Friday, Nov. 27
4:40 a.m. 911- Animal Call Barre Road – Services Rendered
3:42 p.m. 911 – Caller Non-emergency North Street – Spoken To

Saturday, Nov. 28
11:28 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Spring Street – Transported to Hospital
12:47 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Turkey Street – Written Warning
1:01 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Highland Terrace – Written Warning

Sunday, Nov. 29
1:52 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Transported to Hospital

Monday, Nov. 30
7:57 a.m. Phone – Forgery/Fraud Upper Church Street – Report Taken

NewBraintree Police Log

For the week of Nov. 23-30, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 24 building/property checks, 9 radar assignments, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 motor vehicle stops, 22 directed/area patrols, 1 safety hazard, 8 traffic controls, 2 animal calls, 1 identity theft and 3 emergency 911 calls in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Nov. 23
9:06 a.m. Phone – Gunshots McKay Road – Unfounded
10:52 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Memorial Drive – Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 24
10:10 a.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Gilbertville Road – Vehicle Towed
2:05 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barr Road – Services Rendered

Wednesday, Nov. 25
3:19 p.m. Phone – Gunshots Old Turnpike Road – Spoken To
6:56 p.m. Phone – Identity Theft Wine Road – Report Taken

Thursday, Nov. 26
12:20 p.m. 911- Medical Emergency

Barre Road – Transported to Hospital
5:47 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency West Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 27
11:32 p.m. 911 – Animal Call Bernard Whitney Road – Services Rendered

Sunday, Nov. 28
12:04 p.m. Phone – Gunshots Old Turnpike Road – Officer Handled

Public Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 20 SM 001835 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: William T. McNamee, Jr. and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oakham, num-

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General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public meeting will be held on a Request for Determination of Applicability requested by Michael Radesky for a walking path around property located at 33 Sibley Road, Assessors Map D, parcels 149 and 149A. From: Michael Radesky P.O. Box 60 So. Barre, MA 01074 To be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conservation Commission Office, Third Floor, of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005. Ronald Rich, Chairman 12/03/2020

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tions His disciples to be like these individuals in the story, watchful, vigilant in their following of Him, praying, being steadfast, persevere in all that is required from disciples of Christ. Much suffering will occur, but they must take care of the House of the Lord, their community of faith, and their own lives in Christ. They will be confronted by those who claim to be the Messiah, but in their spirit, they need to discern and remember who they have been following. But more, the forces of the antichrist, who is everything that God is not, who is working against God, will appear and try to tear them away from the life in Christ, but they must be watchful until He comes again.

III. Advent and the Birth of Christ

Advent is a time in the church to reflect on Christ's second coming, but it is also a time to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Day. It is an important and powerful time in the life of the church, since we are focused on the gift of God to humanity, the Son of

God, who carries with Him everything we need to be fed spiritually. He is our connection to

God, whose love is greater than any love we know on this earth, even greater than the love of a mother for a child. It is a time to cleanse ourselves from everything that stands in the way of God's work in and through us. It is a time to be focused on and be receptive for what God wants for each one of us, you, and me. It is a time to let go of our feelings of limitation and fears and come to the manger, to the inner part of God's heart, to be renewed with strength and hope.

IV. Conclusion

This has been a difficult year, and each one of us has had our own specific challenges and special needs. We all know what we are afraid of, and what we hope for. This is the time to let the shoulders drop, and give those things to God, and know that we can find our comfort there in the quiet of the night, or in the early morning when dawn breaks, or any time during our busy days.

This pandemic came with a vengeance into this world. It is a negative presence in our lives, eating at us in different ways, and we do not

know what else is lurking around the corner, as Jesus is teaching His disciples. He says many things still need to happen before He comes again.

This is a time to take the opportunities to stop what we do during the day and during the night, and be in contact with our God through Christ, the God who is our Help during a time of distress.

Advent is therefore a reminder that we as individuals and members and friends of Barre Congregational Church ought to be watchful of our souls, our homes, and the House of God while we are on this journey of faith, living our lives with divine purpose in this world, and waiting for His return when we will be united with the One who cares so deeply for us all. May God bless us with everything we need to be ready when Christ returns. May God prepare our souls to be ready to celebrate Christmas in joy and expectation and let us all be Keepers of the House of God, until Christ comes again.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
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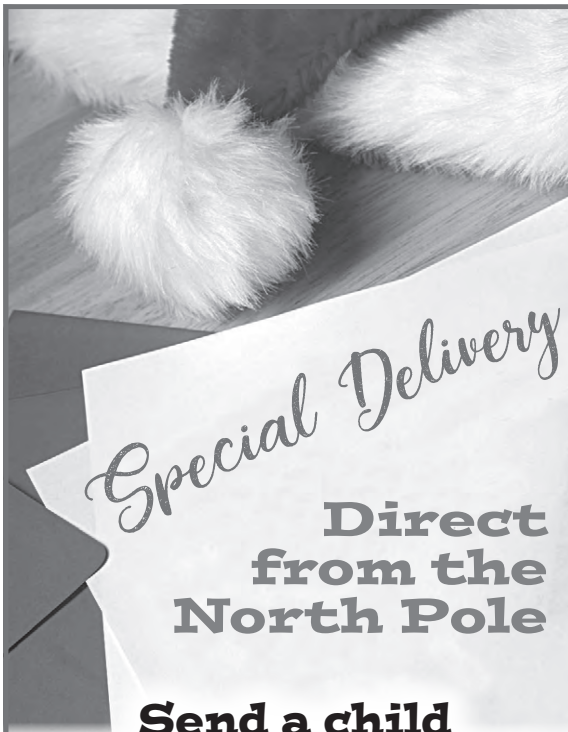
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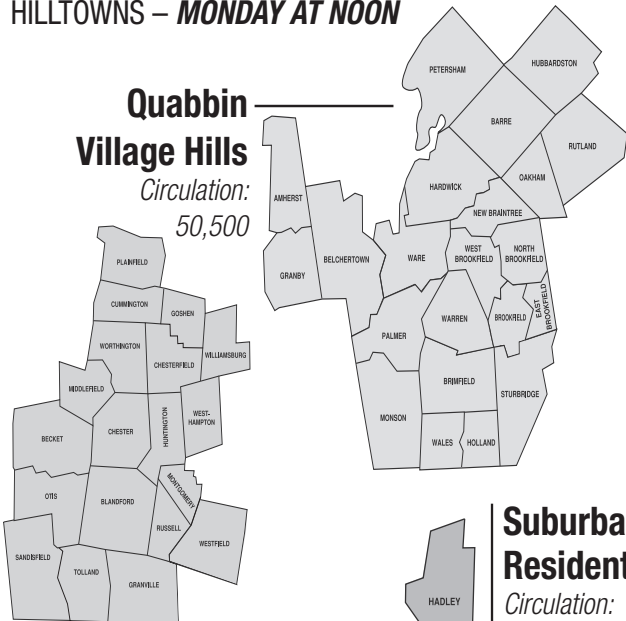
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